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## Highlights

- Cattle on feed • Cold storage
- Per capita consumption

## Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

| Commodity and unit                        | U.S.<br>prices<br>Nov.<br>2003 | U.S.<br>prices<br>Nov. 15<br>2004 <sup>1/</sup> | Oregon       |              |                               |
|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|   |                                |   | Nov.<br>2003 | Oct.<br>2004 | Nov. 15<br>2004 <sup>1/</sup> |
| <b>Crops:</b>                             |                                |   |              |              |                               |
| Wheat, bu . . . . .                       | \$ 3.61                        | 3.51  | 3.60         | *3.68        | 3.69                          |
| Barley, bu . . . . .                      | \$ 2.83                        | 2.42  | 2.64         | *1.73        | 2.00                          |
| Oats, bu . . . . .                        | \$ 1.29                        | 1.36  | -            | *1.63        | -                             |
| Hay, Alfalfa<br>baled, ton . . . . .      | 86.80                          | 94.00   | 90.00        | 118.00       | 110.00                        |
| Hay, All<br>baled, ton . . . . .          | \$ 81.50                       | 86.20   | 86.00        | 114.00       | 106.00                        |
| Potatoes, cwt . . . . .                   | \$ 5.46                        | 4.98  | 5.25         | *4.40        | 4.40                          |
| Onions, fresh, cwt. . . .                 | \$ 13.90                       | 9.89  | -            | -            | -                             |
| Sweet corn, fresh, cwt                    | \$ 30.70                       | 23.20   | -            | -            | -                             |
| Pears, fresh, ton . . . . .               | \$ 388.00                      | 484.00  | -            | -            | -                             |
| Apples, fresh, lbs . . . .                | \$ .297                        | .239  | -            | -            | -                             |
| Strawberries, fresh, lbs.                 | \$ 1.65                        | 1.93  | -            | -            | -                             |
| <b>Livestock/products:</b>                |                                |   |              |              |                               |
| Steers/heifers, cwt. . . .                | \$ 99.90                       | 89.10   | 90.00        | *99.00       | 98.00                         |
| Slaughter cows, cwt . . .                 | \$ 47.70                       | 48.60   | 47.00        | *47.50       | 45.50                         |
| Calves, cwt . . . . .                     | \$ 111.00                      | 124.00  | 100.00       | *113.00      | 110.00                        |
| Lambs, cwt . . . . .                      | \$ 99.70                       | -   | 88.50        | *95.00       | -                             |
| Sheep, cwt . . . . .                      | \$ 40.50                       | -   | 33.50        | *36.00       | -                             |
| All milk sold to<br>plants, cwt . . . . . | \$ 14.40                       | 15.80   | -            | -            | -                             |
| Fat test . . . . . %                      | 3.77                           | 3.77  | -            | -            | -                             |
| Eggs, doz . . . . .                       | \$ 1.02                        | .612  | -            | -            | -                             |

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

\* Revised entire month.

## United States feed ratios

| Feed ratios  | Nov.<br>2001 | Nov.<br>2002 | Nov.<br>2003 | Oct.<br>2004 | Nov.<br>2004 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Broiler feed | 8.1          | 4.5          | 5.1          | *6.4         | 6.7          |
| Hog-corn     | 18.9         | 12.2         | 15.8         | *24.2        | 27.7         |
| Milk feed    | 3.29         | 2.44         | 3.05         | *3.29        | 3.55         |

\* Revised.

## Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

| Commodities          | 1910-14=100  |              | 1990-92=100  |              |              |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                      | Nov.<br>2003 | Nov.<br>2004 | Nov.<br>2003 | Oct.<br>2004 | Nov.<br>2004 |
| All farm products    | 802          | 785          | 133          | *121         | 130          |
| All crops            | 791          | 771          | 141          | *124         | 137          |
| Livestock & products | 831          | 822          | 114          | *114         | 112          |

\* Revised.

## United States price ratio

| Indexes                   | 1910-14=100  |              | 1990-92=100  |              |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | Nov.<br>2003 | Nov.<br>2004 | Nov.<br>2003 | Oct.<br>2004 | Nov.<br>2004 |
| Prices rcvd               | 736          | 724          | 116          | *113         | 114          |
| Prices paid <sup>1/</sup> | 1,722        | 1,785        | 129          | *135         | 134          |
| Ratio <sup>2/</sup>       | 43           | 41           | 90           | *84          | 85           |

<sup>1/</sup> Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

<sup>2/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14=100 Base is the parity ratio.

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These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year. They can be volatile month to month.

## Cold Storage Holdings

Fresh apple stocks in the Pacific Region increased 6 percent from October 31, 2003 to October 31, 2004. Nationally, both fresh apple and fresh pear holdings decreased from the previous year's holdings. Fresh pear holdings decreased by 7 percent.

Frozen berry stocks in the Pacific region totaled 382,031,000 pounds as of October 31, 2004 reflecting a 3 percent increase from October 31, 2003. This accounts for 76 percent of the U.S. total. Frozen berry stocks for the Pacific region include blueberries, red raspberries, and strawberries. Frozen berry holdings for each berry type increased both regionally and nationally.

Total vegetable holdings increased slightly from October 2003 to October 2004. The increase was largely due to

the increases in regular cut green beans and green peas, which increased 36 percent and 38 percent respectively. Cut corn increased 4 percent from the previous year, while French style green beans and cob corn holdings decreased 19 percent and 29 percent respectively. Nationally, each frozen vegetable's holdings increased in October 2004 except cob corn, which was down 23 percent. Overall, the Pacific region accounted for 61 percent of the Nation's frozen vegetable holdings.

Frozen potato stocks decreased 3 percent from October 2003 to October 2004; while U.S. holdings of frozen potatoes were 2 percent above last year's holdings. Both French fries and other frozen potatoes were down from the previous year at the regional level. Forty-six percent of the total frozen potato stocks in the U.S. were held in the Pacific region on October 31, 2004.

### Cold storage holdings for selected commodities, October 31, 2004

| Commodity                 | Pacific Region <sup>1/</sup> |                     |                | United States       |                     |                |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                           | Oct 31, 2003                 | Oct 31, 2004        | 2004/2003      | Oct 31, 2003        | Oct 31, 2004        | 2004/2003      |
|                           | <i>1,000 Pounds</i>          | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| <b>Fresh Fruits:</b>      |                              |                     |                |                     |                     |                |
| Apples <sup>2/</sup>      | 3,831,835                    | 4,062,453           | 106            | 5,507,595           | 5,493,493           | 100            |
| Pears <sup>3/</sup>       | --                           | --                  | --             | 514,851             | 476,748             | 93             |
| <b>Frozen Berries:</b>    |                              |                     |                |                     |                     |                |
| Blueberries               | 21,900                       | 32,943              | 150            | 86,071              | 103,591             | 120            |
| Raspberries, Red          | 50,517                       | 51,428              | 102            | 54,675              | 55,064              | 101            |
| Strawberries              | 297,155                      | 297,660             | 100            | 338,315             | 345,198             | 102            |
| <b>Total</b>              | 369,572                      | 382,031             | 103            | 479,061             | 503,853             | 105            |
| <b>Frozen vegetables:</b> |                              |                     |                |                     |                     |                |
| Green beans, Regular Cut  | 83,903                       | 114,104             | 136            | 174,300             | 227,211             | 130            |
| Regular cut, French Cut   | 11,319                       | 9,151               | 81             | 30,874              | 31,478              | 102            |
| Corn, Cut                 | 382,417                      | 397,744             | 104            | 618,896             | 624,084             | 101            |
| Corn, Cob                 | 283,269                      | 200,031             | 71             | 393,673             | 301,431             | 77             |
| Green Peas                | 134,034                      | 184,511             | 138            | 240,162             | 301,079             | 125            |
| <b>Total</b>              | 894,942                      | 905,541             | 101            | 1,457,905           | 1,485,283           | 102            |
| <b>Potatoes:</b>          |                              |                     |                |                     |                     |                |
| French Fries              | 467,166                      | 463,722             | 99             | 968,590             | 1,000,895           | 103            |
| Other frozen              | 141,726                      | 125,004             | 88             | 279,392             | 275,986             | 99             |
| <b>Total</b>              | 608,892                      | 588,726             | 97             | 1,247,982           | 1,276,881           | 102            |

<sup>1/</sup> Oregon, Washington and California.

<sup>2/</sup> in regular and controlled atmosphere storage.

<sup>3/</sup> regional totals not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Per Capita consumption of major food commodities: <sup>1/</sup> U.S. 1994-2002**

| Commodity   | 1994          | 1995  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  |
|---|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   | <i>Pounds</i> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Red meats <sup>2/</sup>                             | 113.5         | 113.6 | 111.0 | 109.0 | 113.2 | 115.1 | 113.7 | 111.4 | 114.0 |
| Beef  | 62.9          | 63.5  | 64.0  | 62.6  | 63.6  | 64.3  | 64.5  | 63.1  | 64.5  |
| Veal  | 0.8           | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.8   | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Lamb & mutton                                       | 0.9           | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.9   |
| Pork  | 49.0          | 48.4  | 45.2  | 44.7  | 48.2  | 49.3  | 47.8  | 46.9  | 48.2  |
| Poultry <sup>2/</sup>                               | 62.6          | 62.1  | 63.1  | 63.6  | 64.3  | 67.4  | 67.9  | 67.8  | 70.7  |
| Chicken   | 48.7          | 48.2  | 48.8  | 50.0  | 50.4  | 53.6  | 54.2  | 54.0  | 56.8  |
| Turkey  | 13.9          | 13.9  | 14.3  | 13.6  | 13.9  | 13.8  | 13.7  | 13.8  | 14.0  |
| Fish & shellfish                                    | 15.0          | 14.8  | 14.5  | 14.3  | 14.5  | 14.8  | 15.2  | 14.7  | 15.6  |
| Eggs  | 30.3          | 29.9  | 30.1  | 30.2  | 30.8  | 32.2  | 32.4  | 32.5  | 32.8  |
| Dairy Products                                      |               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Cheese (excluding cottage) <sup>2/</sup>            | 26.5          | 26.9  | 27.3  | 27.5  | 27.8  | 29.0  | 29.8  | 30.0  | 30.5  |
| American  | 11.4          | 11.7  | 11.8  | 11.8  | 11.9  | 12.6  | 12.7  | 12.8  | 12.8  |
| Italian   | 10.2          | 10.3  | 10.6  | 10.8  | 11.1  | 11.6  | 12.0  | 12.3  | 12.4  |
| Other Cheese  | 5.0           | 5.0   | 4.9   | 4.9   | 4.7   | 4.9   | 5.1   | 4.9   | 5.3   |
| Cottage cheese                                      | 2.8           | 2.7   | 2.6   | 2.6   | 2.7   | 2.6   | 2.6   | 2.6   | 2.6   |
| Beverage milks <sup>2/</sup>                        | 209.3         | 206.3 | 205.4 | 201.9 | 198.5 | 197.6 | 200.9 | 189.9 | 188.8 |
| Fluid whole milk                                    | 77.2          | 74.0  | 73.0  | 71.0  | 69.5  | 70.1  | 71.8  | 67.2  | 66.5  |
| Fluid lower fat milk                                | 103.9         | 100.9 | 99.5  | 97.4  | 95.6  | 95.3  | 98.1  | 93.8  | 94.4  |
| Fluid skim milk                                     | 28.2          | 31.4  | 32.9  | 33.5  | 33.4  | 32.2  | 31.0  | 28.9  | 27.9  |
| Fluid cream products                                | 7.9           | 8.3   | 8.5   | 8.8   | 8.9   | 9.4   | 10.1  | 10.7  | 10.5  |
| Yogurt (excluding frozen)                           | 5.3           | 6.2   | 5.9   | 5.8   | 5.9   | 6.2   | 6.7   | 7.0   | 7.4   |
| Ice cream   | 16.0          | 15.5  | 15.6  | 16.1  | 16.3  | 16.7  | 16.7  | 16.3  | 16.7  |
| Low fat ice cream                                   | 7.5           | 7.4   | 7.5   | 7.8   | 8.1   | 7.5   | 7.3   | 7.3   | 6.5   |
| Frozen yogurt                                       | 3.4           | 3.4   | 2.5   | 2.0   | 2.1   | 1.9   | 2.0   | 1.5   | 1.5   |
| All dairy products, milk equivalent, milk-fat bases | 579.6         | 576.2 | 566.2 | 567.2 | 572.2 | 584.1 | 592.3 | 586.5 | 585.3 |
| Fats & oils-- Total fat content                     | 67.3          | 65.4  | 64.2  | 63.7  | 64.3  | 67.0  | 74.5  | NA    | NA    |
| Butter & margarine (product wt.)                    | 14.6          | 13.5  | 13.3  | 12.5  | 12.6  | 12.6  | 12.8  | NA    | NA    |
| Shortening  | 23.9          | 22.2  | 21.9  | 20.5  | 20.5  | 21.1  | 23.1  | NA    | NA    |
| Lard & edible tallow (direct use)                   | 4.2           | 4.3   | 4.6   | 4.0   | 5.1   | 5.6   | 5.9   | NA    | NA    |
| Salad & cooking oil                                 | 25.9          | 26.5  | 25.7  | 28.0  | 27.3  | 28.8  | 33.7  | NA    | NA    |
| Fruits & Vegetable                                  | 691.9         | 690.8 | 700.8 | 708.6 | 697.0 | 706.0 | 712.3 | 686.0 | 683.6 |
| Fruit   | 279.1         | 283.6 | 283.3 | 290.6 | 284.1 | 292.3 | 287.1 | 272.8 | 271.7 |
| Fresh fruit   | 124.9         | 122.5 | 126.2 | 129.4 | 128.8 | 129.6 | 127.2 | 125.4 | 125.6 |
| Canned fruit  | 20.7          | 17.3  | 18.5  | 20.1  | 17.0  | 19.2  | 17.5  | 17.6  | 16.7  |
| Dried fruit   | 12.7          | 12.6  | 11.1  | 10.6  | 12.1  | 10.1  | 10.4  | 10.2  | 10.6  |
| Frozen fruit  | 3.7           | 4.8   | 4.4   | 3.7   | 4.3   | 4.7   | 4.3   | 7.0   | 4.6   |
| Selected fruit juices                               | 116.6         | 126.0 | 123.0 | 126.1 | 121.6 | 128.1 | 127.2 | 112.1 | 113.6 |
| Vegetables  | 412.8         | 407.2 | 417.4 | 418.0 | 412.9 | 413.7 | 425.2 | 413.2 | 412.0 |
| Fresh   | 186.5         | 180.9 | 185.9 | 190.1 | 186.5 | 191.3 | 200.4 | 196.7 | 193.4 |
| Canning   | 109.8         | 108.0 | 106.3 | 105.4 | 105.3 | 102.8 | 103.0 | 97.1  | 99.8  |
| Freezing  | 77.5          | 78.8  | 83.3  | 81.5  | 80.4  | 80.9  | 79.6  | 78.2  | 78.0  |
| Dehydrated and chips                                | 30.7          | 30.9  | 33.9  | 32.7  | 32.5  | 30.6  | 33.7  | 33.3  | 32.7  |
| Pulses  | 8.2           | 8.5   | 8.0   | 8.3   | 8.2   | 8.1   | 8.4   | 7.8   | 8.1   |
| Peanuts (shelled)                                   | 5.7           | 5.6   | 5.6   | 5.7   | 5.8   | 6.0   | 5.8   | 5.8   | 5.8   |
| Tree nuts (shelled)                                 | 2.3           | 1.9   | 1.9   | 2.1   | 2.2   | 2.5   | 2.3   | 2.8   | 3.1   |
| Flour & cereal products                             | 191.5         | 189.2 | 196.4 | 197.1 | 193.5 | 195.8 | 199.0 | 194.4 | 191.3 |
| Wheat flour   | 143.0         | 140.0 | 146.4 | 146.8 | 143.0 | 144.0 | 146.3 | 141.1 | 136.7 |
| Rice (milled basis)                                 | 17.5          | 17.7  | 17.8  | 18.0  | 17.6  | 18.4  | 18.8  | 18.7  | 19.2  |
| Caloric sweeteners                                  | 141.6         | 144.1 | 144.7 | 147.7 | 148.9 | 151.3 | 148.9 | 147.1 | 146.1 |
| Coffee (green bean equiv.)                          | 8.1           | 7.9   | 8.7   | 9.1   | 9.3   | 9.8   | 10.3  | 9.5   | 9.2   |
| Cocoa (chocolate liquor equiv.)                     | 3.8           | 3.6   | 4.2   | 4.0   | 4.3   | 4.5   | 4.7   | 4.5   | 3.9   |

<sup>1/</sup> In pounds, retail weight unless otherwise stated. Consumption normally represents total supply minus exports, nonfood use, and ending stocks. Calendar-year data except fresh citrus fruits, peanuts, tree nuts, & rice, which are on crop-year basis.

<sup>2/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

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## U.S. Cattle on feed up 3 percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2003 and 5 percent above November 1, 2002.

**Placements** in feedlots during October totaled 2.70 million, 3 percent below 2003 but 13 percent above 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of October since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.64 million head.

During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 912,000, 600-699 pounds were 764,000, 700-799 pounds were 529,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 496,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during October totaled 1.80 million, 3 percent below 2003 and 9 percent below 2002.

**Other disappearance** totaled 66,000 during October, 35 percent below 2003 and 21 percent below 2002.

**Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots United States, November 1, 2003-2004**

| Item   | Number     |            | 2004    |
|--|------------|------------|---------|
|  | 2003       | 2004       | 2003    |
|  | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | Percent |
| On feed October 1 <sup>1/</sup>                  | 10,218     | *10,497    | 103     |
| Placed on feed during October                    | 2,781      | 2,701      | 97      |
| Fed cattle marketed during October               | 1,855      | 1,798      | 97      |
| Other disappearance during October <sup>2/</sup> | 101        | 66         | 65      |
| On feed November 1 <sup>1/</sup>                 | 11,043     | 11,334     | 103     |

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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